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MEMORANDUM FOR: Information Systems Board

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STAT   SUBJECT: ISB Meeting Minutes - 7 July 1988

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1. Deputy Chief of Operations and
Engineering Group within the National Photographic Interpretation
Center, described the DS&T's approach to identify a follow-on for
the Wang Alliance. The Director of Information Technology
STAT   discussed migration alternatives for Wang Alliances.

2. At last November's offsite meeting, the impending
obsolescence of the Agency's Wang Alliances was viewed with grave
concern. Subsequent actions by Wang Laboratories appear to have
extended the longevity of the Wang Alliance well into the next
decade. OIT recommends to its customers that:

  -- If the Alliance fully meets current needs, <u>don't change</u>.

  -- If the Alliance meets functional needs, but performance is
     a problem or PC support is required, <u>upgrade to a Turbo
     Alliance</u>.

  -- If the Alliance meets all needs, but some mainframe
     connections are needed, <u>connect the Alliance to a VS, and
     the VS to a mainframe</u>.

  -- If the customer needs to improve performance and
     capabilities, or support substantial mainframe
     connections, <u>convert to a VS</u>.

The DS&T and DO both anticipate migrating to an follow-on system
beginning around 1992. The DO effort is part of the Information
STAT   Management Staff's   program. The DS&T would prefer to
have OIT take the lead in procuring an Agency-wide successor to
STAT   the Alliance.

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2. [blank] Deputy Director of Communications, proposed that management responsibilities for information systems in the foreign field be reviewed. He suggested the creation of an interdisciplinary "program office." The Chief of Information Management Staff described ongoing and planned automation programs in the field. He also reviewed the policies guiding the deployment of automated systems to the field. The Director of Security briefly described an effort underway to take a broad

STAT   look at support to the field.

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Attachments
     Wang Alliance Follow-on Strategy (DS&T)
     Wang Migration Strategies (OIT)
     Foreign Field Information Systems OC)
     Information Systems in the Field (IMS)
     Policy Statement - ADP in the Foreign Field (OC)

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